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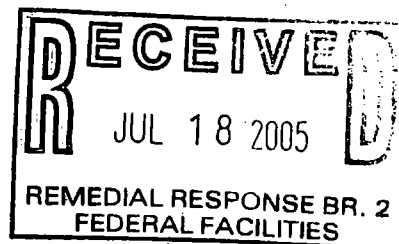


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Re: Responses to Comments Letter on the Draft
Operations and Maintenance Plan (Revision 2)
For Landfills 6 and 7, Fort Sheridan, IL
Dated July 1, 2005

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Fort Sheridan (BRAC)
Superfund/Technical

Dear Mr. Bonilla:

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA or Agency) is in receipt of the Army's responses to comments on the Draft Operations and Maintenance Plan for Landfills 6 and 7, Fort Sheridan, Illinois. They were dated July 1, 2005 and were received on July 6, 2005. The responses to comments were provided for Agency review and comment or approval. According to the letter, the revisions to the plan will be made and submitted to the Agency after these responses have been approved.

Illinois EPA has reviewed the Army's responses to the Agency's comments and deems those responses acceptable, provided the proposed changes/revisions are incorporated into the final document as specified.

There is one follow-up comment that requires mention, though. The response to comment number 45 adequately responds to the original comment but raises another question that should be answered in the plan. The response discusses the documentation of monitoring of the bluffs surrounding landfill 7 and states that those steps will "demonstrate no movement of the bluffs is occurring, which could threaten the structural integrity of the landfill cap." It does not mention what possible steps would be taken if the opposite were found to be true. There needs to be a statement such that if bluff retreat were discovered to be occurring around the landfill, the Army would take the necessary measures to rectify the situation before it became an imminent danger to human health or the environment. Please include a statement or paragraph to that effect.

Since the final plan is not in the Agency's possession, the proposed changes have not been verified as having been properly incorporated. Therefore, while the Agency is in agreement with the Army's responses, concurrence with the Operations and Maintenance Plan cannot be granted until the final document has been received and the changes verified. Once that has been completed, the Agency will issue a formal letter providing our concurrence.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, you may contact me at 217/557-8155 or via e-mail at Brian.Conrath@epa.state.il.us.

Sincerely,

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